SUMMER 1978

Columbia Seminary Vantage

1978 GRADUATES AWARDED DEGREES

May 21, 1978, marked the 148th Commencement Exercises of Columbia Seminary in the midst of its Sesquicentennial Year. J. Erskine Love, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, awarded thirty-four degrees upon the recommendation of the faculty. Students receiving their degrees represented 10 States and 2 Countries outside the United States.

Dr. T. Morton McMillan, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tupelo, Mississippi, and currently Moderator of the Synod of the Mid-South, preached during the Sunday morning Baccalaureate Service held at the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Dr. McMillan's message was entitled, "Alive!"

A stirring Commencement Address, titled "Confusion in Eden," was delivered by Dr. Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, during the afternoon exercises held at the Columbia Presbyterian Church.

Graduates Virginia Simmons Ellis, George Harrison McDonald, and Anna Case Winters were awarded their degrees "with distinction" due to their outstanding academic achievements. Anna Case Winters also received the Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowship for further graduate studies.

Following a tradition of longstanding, President J. Davison Philips gave the charge to the graduates by reading selected passages from the Bible. Words of congratulations and encouragement were offered the graduates as they joined their families and left the Seminary for a new life of service to Christ.

Prize Winners from left to right: Warner Robert Durnell, Robert McFadden Spann, Robert Daniel Holloway, Jr.; Anna Case Winters (see story page 7).

PROFESSOR ELECTED BY BOARD

The Reverend Thomas G. Long, Assistant Professor of Ministry at Erskine Theological Seminary, has been elected by the Board of Directors of Columbia Seminary to become the Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship for a three year term beginning July 1, 1978.

In making the appointment, President J. Davison Philips states, "Leadership in worship and skill in proclaiming the Word of God are vital to an effective ministry in the Church today. Columbia Seminary is indeed fortunate in having a person of Professor Long's ability, competence, and dedication to serve on its faculty in this important area of our curriculum."

Professor Long is an alumnus of Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, South Carolina, earning his M.Div. with honors in 1971. He has completed his Ph.D. study in Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary and is presently writing his dis-

sertation on "Narrative Structure as Applied to Biblical Preaching."

Following graduation from Erskine Seminary, he served as Pastor of the McElroy Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. In 1975, he became Assistant Professor of Ministry at Erskine Theological Seminary and has served there

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BOARD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors of Columbia Seminary met on April 25 and 26, 1978, at the Seminary. The various committees of the Board considered many matters of vital importance and made appropriate recommendations. Some of the more significant actions that were taken by the Board include:

Rev. Fred Woodward, Secretary J. Edward Craig and Chairman J. Erskine Love, Jr., at recent Board Meeting.

1. The inauguration of Dr. Catherine Gonzalez as Professor of Church History.
2. The election of Thomas Grier Long as Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship.
3. The approval of Dr. Oscar Hussel to serve as Dean of Academic Affairs.
4. An expression of appreciation for Dean Cousar's helpful service as Dean for seven years.
5. The approval of a project to construct an 8-unit apartment complex for married students.
6. The approval of a record budget for 1978-79 fiscal year of $1,630,690, an increase of $226,000.
7. The approval to increase tuition and board for the 1978-79 academic year to keep up with inflation.
8. The approval of an Estate Planning Committee.
9. The authorization of a Feasibility Study in the Synod of Florida for a Capital Funds Campaign in 1979-80.

The Tap On The Shoulder

What Peter Marshall referred to as a "tap on the shoulder" or a "Call to ministry" can take many forms. Each year Columbia Seminary provides two weekend conferences that are designed to help persons who are seeking to understand God's will in relation to their vocation.

"The College Conference," held this year in February, provided guidance for college age young people who wished to explore the possibilities of ministry as a vocation. "The Conference on Ministry," held in April, sought to assist more mature persons who were considering a change from secular work to a church oriented vocation. Over 110 persons attended the two conferences this year.

The Rev. Harry H. Barrow, Director of Admissions, reports that over 100 men and women of varying ages and from different walks of life have applied for admission to the July and September terms of study at Columbia.

As the "tap on the shoulder" comes to those whom God calls to service in the Church of Jesus Christ, Columbia Seminary will be faithful in providing the needful resources and training.

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FROM the PRESIDENT

You cannot go through Commencement at Columbia Seminary without doing some serious thinking. It is a joyous and moving occasion. Our graduates are the product of a long process of Call, Education, and Commitment. They are moving now into pastorates, associate pastorates, and missionary service overseas. Please join us in expressions of thanksgiving for them and for the prospects of mission and ministry before them. Others who received graduate degrees have worked long and hard to improve their competence as ministers. We congratulate them, also, and rejoice in the continued work they will be accomplishing in the service of Christ.

As the complicated, challenging, and somewhat awesome world of the 20th Century's last quarter provides a context for our mission as ministers of Jesus Christ, these graduates will have great opportunities. They will be involved in declaring the Word of God, equipping the Church for ministry, and serving as pastors of God's people. Their ministry will extend, God willing, into the 21st Century with all its uncertainties and needs. The population of the nation and the world will escalate rapidly. The Sun Belt States will show exceptional growth.

All of this is to say that we must be faithful and effective in the indispensable mission of Columbia Seminary. During the coming academic year, we will enroll twice as many new students as we graduated. Join with us in working with them and, thus, strengthen the mission of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

The past two and one-half years have been demanding ones for me as President. Without the encouragement, support and participation of people like you, none of this would be possible.

Gratefully yours,

J. Davison Philips

1978 GRADUATES GO FORTH TO SERVE

"How shall they hear without a preacher?"—Romans 10:15

Each one of the members of the 1978 Graduating Class has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Kingdom of God. The following articles give a glimpse into the lives of five of our graduates.

Paul Ard

The transition from Vice President of an Atlanta Bank to the Pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Athens, Tennessee, is a fascinating story. This has been the experience of Paul Ard.

It was not an easy decision to give up a job with a good salary, sell a home, move a wife and children into a Seminary apartment and become a full-time student. Paul and Susan and their three boys have taken all this in stride and maintain a bright, positive outlook on what has been happening in their lives.

Paul feels that his banking experience will put him in good stead for dealing with people and situations in the Church. He believes that there are some similarities between the "life and death financial decisions" of the business world and the "life and death spiritual decisions" in living the Christian life.

The Ards have kept close ties with their home church. It was while Paul was serving as an elder in the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Georgia, that the Lord led him to Columbia Seminary. He was honored by his classmates by being elected the President of the Student Body.

Paul and Susan look forward to their ministry at the Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Paul wants to visit his people and learn of their hopes and dreams before he begins coming up with extensive plans and programs. He believes that Christ will continue to lead and guide him and his family as he seeks to be faithful to his calling.

Warner Durnell

"It was during my Junior year in college that I was really confronted with the challenge of the Gospel. This was the Viet Nam era with so much unrest on the college campus. This proved to be a real turning-point in my life and ultimately led me to respond to a call from God to become a minister." With these words, Warner Durnell spoke of his pilgrimage that led to Columbia Seminary.

A native of Pennsylvania, Warner came to Atlanta with his wife, Sandy, and daughter, Clarisse, in 1973. The warmth and testimony of the Westhills Presbyterian Church was a real factor in Warner's decision to attend Columbia Seminary. He was encouraged to take some courses at Columbia by his Pastors, John Sharp and Bill Hammond.

"One thing that I have appreciated about Columbia Seminary is the fact that the faculty and administration have a genuine sense of Christian integrity. They take their teaching seriously."

Another thing that made a deep impression upon Warner was the Seminary's commitment to the parish ministry. As he stated, "President Philips spent so many years in the Church as a Pastor that he can really identify with the students who are preparing for the parish." Of the entire Seminary, Warner said, "There is a visible sense of community at Columbia. We were made to feel a part of it."

As the Durnells take up their ministry at the Dellabrook Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, they go in faith. They are excited about the prospects of nurture and growth in the congregation.

Charles Evans

"I grew up in a strong Christian family where missionaries were often guests in our home. I went to Montreat every summer and often attended the World Mission Conference. The summer I was thirteen and at Montreat, I knew I wanted to be a missionary." In these words, Charles Evans describes how the Lord led him to prepare for service as a missionary of the cross.

Charles is about ready to have his dream to become a missionary fulfilled. The Board of International Mission, PCUS, has appointed him to become an evangelistic missionary to Zaire for a period of four years. Charles is no stranger to Africa as he spent three years in Zaire as a teacher of missionary children.

Charles feels that his courses at Columbia Seminary, especially his time spent in Supervised Ministry and independent studies in Christian Education and Evangelism, "have prepared him well" for his career as a missionary. There is still more learning ahead. He will spend the next year in language study in Switzerland and Zaire.

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William Warren DeLozier, Jr.

Robert Daniel Holloway, Jr.

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Paul Oscar Ard, Jr.

Malcolm Bennett Bishop, III

Donald Lee Bowling

Ronald Otto Brauer

John Michael Eubanks

Charles Ligon Evans

Sally Lodge Henderson

Richard Bruce Houchens

Benjamin Cooper Mathes

Robert F. McAndrew, Jr.

George Harrison McDonald

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James Ivan St. John

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David Hoonjin Chai

Warner Robert Durnell

Terry Robert Dyer

Virginia Simmons Ellis

William Augustus Jokela

Stephen Alden Jones

Joel Morgan Long

Diana Davis Mahida

Walter Ward Peters

Gregory Dennis Schillo

Stuart Thomas Wilson

Anna Lou Case Winters

GRADUATES GO FORTH (continued)

Evangelism, Christian Education and Theology will be taught to native pastors by Charles as he itinerates in the remote villages. With all the unrest in Zaire, we will want to keep Charles Evans in our prayers as he seeks to fulfill the Great Commission.

R. McFaddin (Mac) Spann

Mac Spann would find it difficult to recall a particular moment when he experienced a call to ministry. He describes his relationship with God as a pilgrimage. Having been raised in a Christian home and having attended a Christian College (Erskine) he feels that his experience is much like that of Timothy, "That from a child you have known the Scriptures."

Mac and his wife, Anna, have had a stimulating four years at Columbia Seminary. His intern year as Student Assistant Pastor at the Unity Presbyterian Church of Fort Mill, S. C., did much to prepare him for his future work. Mac states, "I feel that Columbia Seminary has prepared me extremely well for what I envision awaits me in ministry."

He has received a call to be the Associate Minister of the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church of Mobile, Ala. He and Anna are really looking forward to their service in the Church. Mac's particular responsibilities include preaching, visitation, administration, youth work, and work with young marrieds.

Anna Case Winters

During the Commencement Exercises this year, Anna Case Winters received a degree, with distinction, a graduate fellowship and two prizes. A few days after her graduation, she and her husband, Mike, had a confirmation of a call to become Associate Pastors of the Central Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City.

Anna has a strong sense of the providence of God. She is grateful for Christian parents who took their faith seriously. As a young woman of fifteen, she felt that God was leading her into some form of fulltime Christian service, possibly as a Director of Christian Education. This led her to major in Bible at Agnes Scott College.

Her sense of call is articulated as she states, "Somewhere along the way I was confronted with the possibility that God might be calling me into the ordained ministry. All of a sudden it seemed that circumstances, people and the guidance of the Holy Spirit were pointing me in that direction. This startled me for awhile and I resisted the Spirit's leading. But the call was compelling so I ventured out in faith and came to Columbia Seminary."

Mike graduated from Columbia in 1976 and has been serving as the Pastor of the Tallapoosa and Bremen Presbyterian Churches since then. Anna and Mike are very enthusiastic about their opportunity to have a team ministry in Oklahoma.

Columbia Receives Generous Bequest

A bequest valued at $24,195.72 comes to Columbia from the estate of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Martin of Mullins, South Carolina. Mrs. Martin, a long-time supporter of the Seminary died February 26, 1978.

The Martins began supporting Columbia with financial gifts in 1943 when they established the Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Martin Scholarship Fund out of their "love for the Seminary" and their "concern for the true preaching of the Word."

Dr. Martin was a Ruling Elder in the Mullins Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Martin held many offices during her lifetime. Their bequest is given "for the glory of God and for the general purposes of CTS."

President Philips expressed the gratitude of the Seminary for this thoughtful bequest. "It will help us as we prepare ministers for the Church," he said, "and is a good example of careful planning for the use of accumulated possessions. It will serve as a stimulus to others who, after providing for their families, designate the residue of their estate for Columbia's mission."

Proposed Apartments

With the increased enrollment at the Seminary, there is a desperate need for additional living space, especially for married students. The Board of Directors has authorized the construction of an 8-unit apartment complex (4 two-bedroom and 4 three-bedroom). If there are persons who may wish to designate one or more of these apartments (cost $30,000 per unit) as a memorial, please contact the Rev. Richard A. Dodds, Director of Seminary Relations.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. J. HOLMES SMITH

Gracious Hostess and Friend

May 17, 1978

ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

Dr. Philips and the newly elected President's Advisory Council officers: (left to right) Howell E. Adams, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John A. Nix, Secretary; Mrs. Howard Nichols, Vice-Chairman, and Julian R. Alford, Vice-Chairman.

"Just how important is the Continuing Education of ministers and what can Columbia Seminary do to improve this phase of its work?" "How can the vital role of Columbia Seminary be made more visible and understandable in the life of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.?" These are two of the questions that the President's Advisory Council wrestled with when they met on the Seminary campus, April 18.

Comprised of sixty Presbyterian leaders from churches located within the supporting Synods of Florida, Mid-South and Southeast, the Council has already made a significant contribution to the life of the Seminary. Mr. Howell E. Adams, Jr., elder in the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and chairman of the P.A.C., presided over the 2nd Annual Meeting. An opportunity was provided for members of the Student Body, Faculty and Board of Directors to engage in a dialogue with the members of the Council. The exchange proved to be very stimulating and informative.

The Council shared some valuable insights during a group participation process that resulted in compiling a list of ideas and suggestions in response to the two questions on continuing education and visibility. These thoughts have in turn been passed on to the Faculty, Staff, and the Board of Directors.

Columbia is greatly indebted to this fine group of leaders who undergird the work of the Seminary with their dedicated service, wise counsel and faithful support.

"Come See Columbia Day"

Student Wyn Bryant tells CFC Visitors about Seminary.

On Thursday, April 13, over 200 people gathered on the campus of Columbia Seminary for Columbia Friendship Circle's "Come See Columbia Day." An opportunity for the participants to talk with Faculty and Students, to tour the campus, and to Worship together were a part of the day's activities. In addition, a progress report was given on CFC's 1977-78 Project of Scholarship Aid for International Students.

The Columbia Friendship Circle adopted an exciting project for 1978-79—the sponsorship of ten Columbia Fellowships (one year scholarships given to top prospective students). The goal for the new project is $30,000.

The CFC Officers for 1978-79 are: Mrs. Martha Tissington, President; Mrs. Cora Smith, Vice President; Mrs. Anne Wardlaw, Secretary-Historian; Mrs. Ruth Esche, Parliamentarian, and Dr. J. Davison Philips, Treasurer. The Columbia Friendship Circle continues to offer tremendous support to the work and mission of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Graduation Awards

Four members of the graduating class and one underclassman were honored during the recent Commencement Exercises on May 21. For the faculty, Dean Charles B. Cousar made the following awards:

Anna Lou Case Winters received the Wilds Book Prize awarded for the highest distinction in academic work over the entire Seminary program and the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology for the best paper showing sound theological scholarship and relevance to the needs of Christian people in the contemporary world.

The Emma Guillard Boyce Memorial Award for the best paper on the creative use of music in worship was awarded to Warner Robert Durnell. The Paul T. Fuhrmann Book Prize, made annually to the student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in Church History went to a first-year student, Edward James Wojtczak.

The Lyman and Myki Mobley Prize in Biblical Scholarship was established this year in memory of Donald Lyman Mobley (CTS, Class of 1977) and Myki Powell Mobley (Candler School of Theology, Class of 1977) who lost their lives in a tragic automobile accident in October, 1977. It is given to the student doing exemplary work in Biblical scholarship as it relates to the worship and work of the Church. The first recipient of this Prize was Robert McFadden Spann.

Robert Daniel Holloway, Jr. received the Indiantown Church Award for outstanding work done in the Summer in a rural ministry.

McDILL RESIGNS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. McDill, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Columbia Theological Seminary, has submitted his resignation to the Seminary due to reasons of health, effective July 1, 1978. Professor McDill thus concludes 27 years of distinguished service as the developer of the Pastoral Care and Counseling curriculum at the Seminary. A full story on Dr. McDill's significant contributions to Columbia Seminary and the Church will appear in the next issue of VANTAGE.

1978 GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF SACRED THEOLOGY

Robert Eugene Johnston
Charlotte, North Carolina

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
(In-Ministry)

Samuel Dwain Reeves
Lithia Springs, Georgia

James Clifton Strickland, Jr.
Edison, Georgia

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Carl Frederick Hall
Decatur, Georgia

Yong Ho Kim
Seoul, Korea

William Ming-Yi Wu
Hualien, Taiwan

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until his appointment to the position at Columbia.

The Reverend Mr. Long's experience has not been confined to the formal classroom. He has led workshops and retreats on Preaching and has written articles and reviews for such publications as *Theology Today, Princeton Seminary Bulletin,* and *Homiletic.*

Professor Long is married and he and his wife, Sherrill, have a daughter, Melanie, age 6, and a son, David, age 5.

GRADUATE PLACEMENTS 1978

Paul Oscar Ard, Jr., Pastor, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Athens, Tennessee 37303

Malcolm Bennett Bishop, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, 1402 Manatee Avenue, W., Bradenton, Florida 33505

Donald Lee Bowling, Pastor, Liberty Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Main Street, Liberty, South Carolina 29657

Ronald Otto Brauer, Pastor, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 6501 Nebraska Avenue N., Tampa, Florida 33604

David Hoonjin Chai, (In Conversation)

William Warren Delozier, Jr., Minister of Children's Ministries, Mount Paran Church of God, 2056 Mount Paran Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Warner Robert Durnell, Pastor, Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105

Terry Robert Dyer, Pastor, Blackshear Presbyterian Church, Blackshear, Georgia 31516

Virginia Simmons Ellis, (In Conversation)

John Michael Eubanks, Pastor, Northside Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

Charles Ligon Evans, Missionary to Zaire, (after one year of study in Switzerland)

Sally Lodge Henderson, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Van Buren Avenue, Oxford, Mississippi 38655

Robert Daniel Holloway, Jr., Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Highway 441, Clarksville, Georgia 30523

Richard Bruce Houchens, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4315 Holmes Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35805

William Augustus Jokela, U. S. Army Chaplain's School, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York 10305

Stephen Alden Jones, (In Conversation)

Joel Morgan Long, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 628, Quitman, Georgia 31643

Robert F. McAndrew, Jr., (In Conversation)

George Harrison McDonald, Pastor, Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Enterprise, Alabama 36330

Diana Grace Davis Mahida, (In Conversation)

Benjamin Cooper Mathes, Associate Pastor, Decatur Presbyterian Church, 205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, Georgia 30031

John Lawrence Mishler, (In Conversation)

Walter Ward Peters, Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 565 Wimbish Road, Macon, Georgia 31204

James Ivan St. John, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Alexander City, Alabama 35010

Gregory Dennis Schillo, Pastor, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 520 E. Johnston Street, Savannah, Georgia 31406

Robert McFaddin Spann, Associate Pastor, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, 10 Westminster Way, Mobile, Alabama 36608

Stuart Thomas Wilson, Pastor, Pawley's Island Presbyterian Church, Pawley's Island, South Carolina 29585

Anna Lou Case Winters, Associate Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, 5101 North May, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

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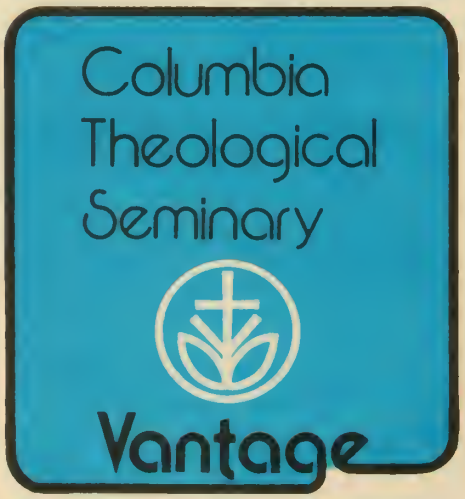
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